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Dear Lederberg,

Just a word to let you know that K12 is sensitive to T1, T4, T5, T6, forming less good plaques than B does. It is also partially sensitive to T3, enough to give complete lysis and selection of mutants, but the plaques and the plaque counts are very ~~low~~ poor.

K12 is sensitive to some mutants of T7 present in about ~~10⁻⁴~~ 10^{-4} proportion in T7, and the same for T3. Interesting enough, the sensitivity to T3 and T7 mutants, is different and higher for some of the ~~E~~/1 mutants.

All attempts to isolate quadruple resistant mutants of B by growing together the double mutants have failed up to now. It becomes even more important to see if factor exchange can occur in combined phage resistant-biochemical deficient mutants.

Let me know when you have your double mutants from B, and possibly send me some double deficient mutants of K12 to make phage resistant.

Best regards,



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